

Amendments to the Drawings:

Please replace the appropriate drawing sheets with those presented in Appendix A of this paper.

The amendment to the Figures removes the language “Invented” from the Figures.

REMARKS

The Final Office Action mailed on September 29, 2005, has been reviewed and the comments of the Patent and Trademark Office have been considered. Prior to this paper, claims 1-10 and 20-31 were pending, with claims 3-10 being withdrawn. By this paper, Applicants cancel claims 1-10, 25 and 30 without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, claims 20-24, 26-29 and 31 are pending.

Basically, by this paper, Applicants make amendments to place the application into condition for allowance.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance for the reasons that follow.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank Examiner Yee for allowing claims 26 and 27, and for the indication that claims 1, 2, 20 and 28-31 contain allowable subject matter.

Double Patenting

Claims 1, 2 and 30 are objected to as being a substantial duplicate of claims 28, 29 and 31, respectively. In response, in order to advance prosecution, and without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicants hereby cancel claims 1, 2 and 30. Applicants respectfully submit that the Double Patenting objections are now moot.

Specification

The disclosure is objected to as containing informalities. In response, Applicants amend specification to genericize the specification in view of the recitations relating to boron

in the pending claims. This genericization is also carried over into the drawings, which are amended by this paper.

If Examiner Yee recommends other changes to the application by examiner's amendment, she is invited to contact Martin Cosenza at (202) 295-4747, in order to obtain allowance of this application.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102/103

Claims 21-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by JP 9-291337 or in the alternative under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) in view of that same reference. In response, in order to advance prosecution, and without prejudice or disclaimer, *Applicants amend the dependencies of these claims to ultimately depend from claim 28, a claim indicated as containing allowable subject matter.* Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of these claims is now moot.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

In the Office Action, Claim 25 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Watari (U.S. Patent No. 6,475,305). In response, in order to advance prosecution, and without prejudice or disclaimer, Applicants cancel claim 25. Applicants respectfully submit that the rejection of this claim is now moot.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a

check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Examiner Yee is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

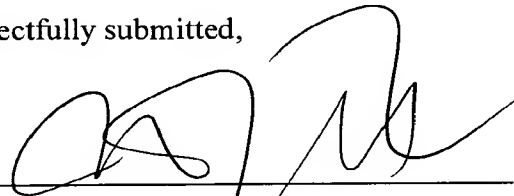
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